

**Notice of Scoping  
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Arizona-Utah  
Wildland Fire Management Plan Environmental Assessment  
December 2003**

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Dear Friend of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area:

The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of a Wildland Fire Management Plan for Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (NRA). The EA is needed in order to evaluate potential impacts to the natural and cultural environment from proposed fire management activities in Glen Canyon NRA. The NPS is soliciting comments from the public to help identify issues that will be evaluated in the EA. You are invited to provide your comments and become part of this planning effort. For your convenience, a comment form is attached to this scoping notice.

**Please return your comments by January 10, 2004, to:  
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area  
Wildland Fire Management Plan EA  
P.O. Box 1507  
Page, AZ 86040**

**Why does Glen Canyon NRA need to plan and manage for fire?**

It is believed that, historically, fire has not played a large role in the ecological development of the desert ecosystem of Glen Canyon NRA. The park has not had a Wildland Fire Management Plan revision since 1994, and wildfires have been relatively infrequent and small, with suppression being the primary management method. In order to improve management and meet park objectives, Glen Canyon NRA is writing a Wildland Fire Management Plan and an accompanying EA. The purpose of fire management at Glen Canyon NRA is to protect and conserve the natural and cultural resources of the park for the enjoyment of present and future generations. This includes perpetuation of the ecosystem in which these resources occur. Wildland fire management is also intended to protect human life and property and to provide safe, quality outdoor recreation experiences for the public.

**How does the planning process work?**

The NPS has identified preliminary issues and alternatives related to fire management that will be researched and analyzed by an interdisciplinary group of professionals. Public involvement can broaden the scope of issues and information included in the planning process, resulting in an improved management plan. We strongly encourage you to take the time to provide us with ideas and opinions.

Once we have received and reviewed the scoping comments, we will analyze the issues presented therein and use that information to determine what types of fire management methods will be most effective at Glen Canyon NRA. The Wildland Fire Management EA will then be written and should be available for review during the summer of 2004.

If you wish to remain on the mailing list and receive future information about this Plan/EA, please check the box on the comment form, print your name and mailing address, and return to the address listed above. The Notice of Scoping and Comment Form can also be found on the park's website at [www.nps.gov/glca/plan.htm](http://www.nps.gov/glca/plan.htm). Written comments may also be e-mailed to Glen Canyon NRA at [GLCA\\_WildlandFireManagementPlan@nps.gov](mailto:GLCA_WildlandFireManagementPlan@nps.gov). Thank you for your interest in Glen Canyon NRA and your participation in the development of the Wildland Fire Management EA.

**Scoping Comment Form**  
**Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Arizona-Utah**  
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Please respond to the following questions and **return this form by January 10, 2004**. You may attach additional pages, if needed. Also, include your name and mailing address in the space provided below. Written comments may also be e-mailed to Glen Canyon NRA at GLCA\_WildlandFireManagementPlan@nps.gov. Thank you again for your interest in Glen Canyon NRA.

Please be aware that names and addresses of respondents may be released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

What concerns do you have about fire management at Glen Canyon NRA? What issues would you like to see addressed and why?

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What alternative fire management strategies would you like to see addressed and why?

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Do you have additional information, concerns, or other comments about the proposal?

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**Please check the box if you would like to remain on the mailing list to receive additional information concerning this proposal.**

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